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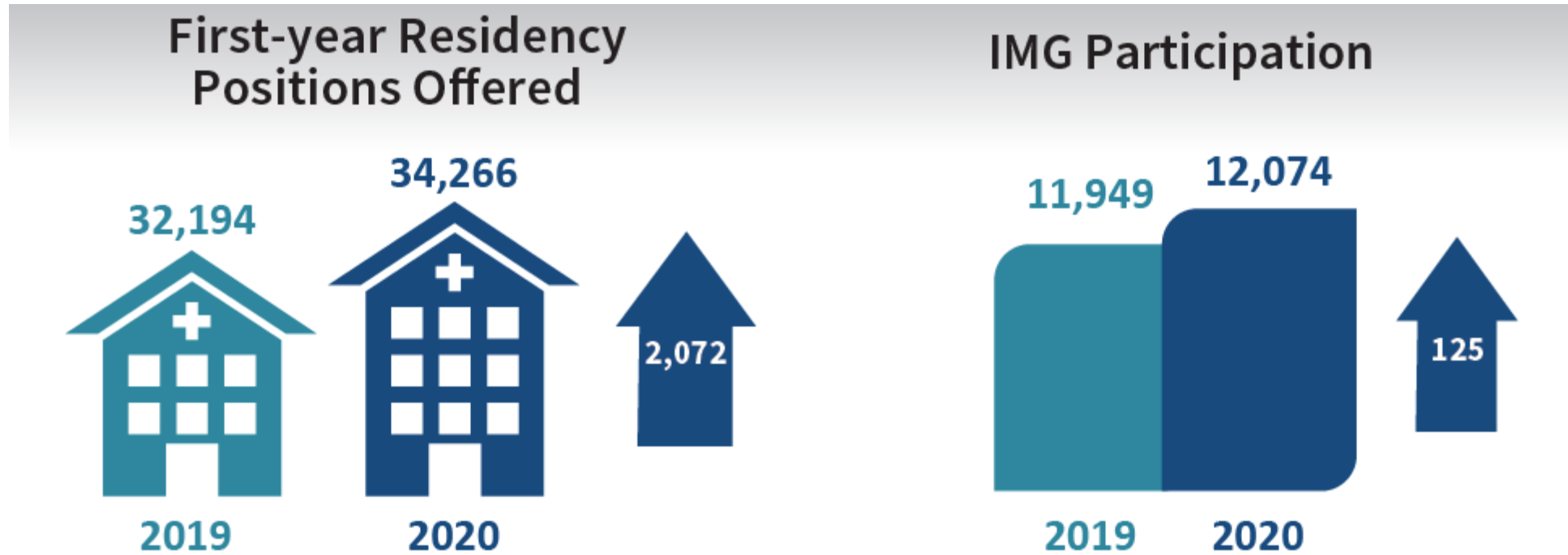
ECFMG Certification Program Requirements

- Medical school meets ECFMG requirements
- Applicant passes USMLE® Step 1, 2CK, and 2CS
- Primary-source verification of diploma and transcript with medical school
- Applicants screened against the Specially Designated Nationals List
 - Maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of US Dept. of the Treasury
 - Includes terrorists and narcotics traffickers

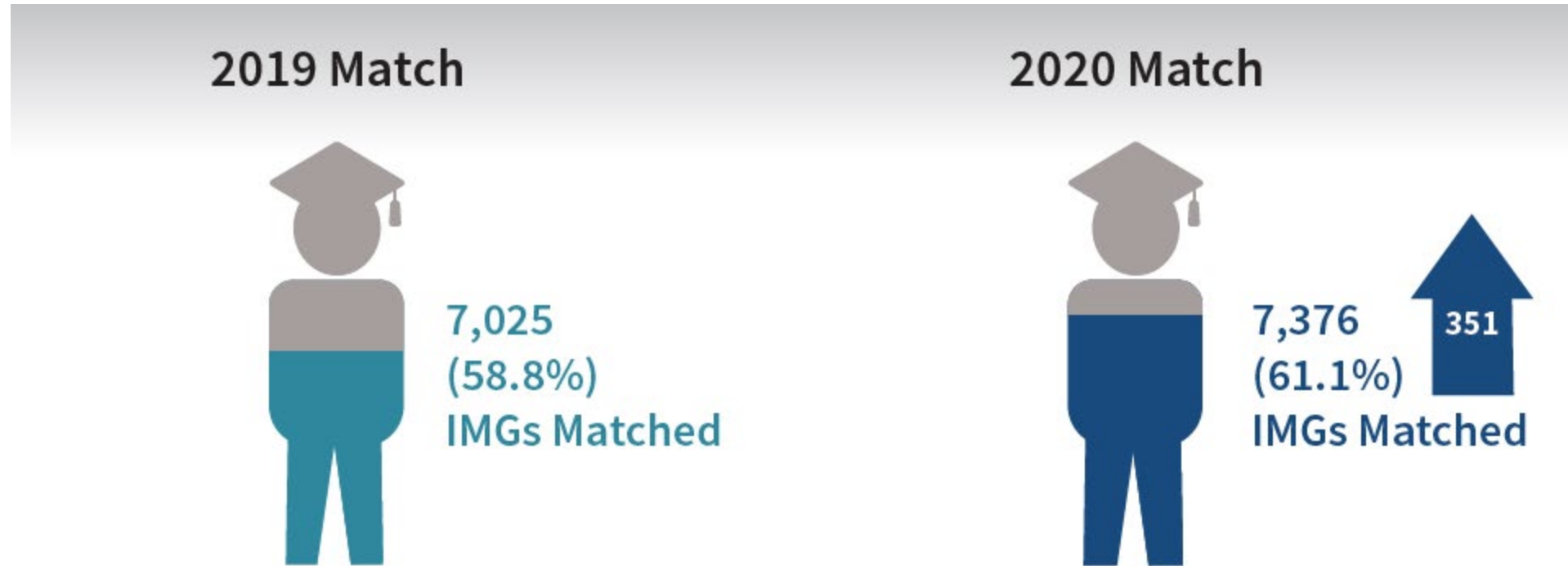
• ECFMG | FAIMER EXCHANGE VISITOR SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

- Foreign national physicians who seek entry into U.S. programs of graduate medical education or training must obtain an appropriate visa that permits clinical training activities. One visa commonly used by foreign national physicians is the J-1, a temporary nonimmigrant visa reserved for participants in the Exchange Visitor Program.
- ECFMG is authorized by the U.S. Department of State to sponsor J-1 Exchange Visitor physicians enrolled in accredited programs of graduate medical education.
- ECFMG is the sole sponsor of J-1 physicians in clinical training programs.
- ECFMG currently sponsors approximately 11,500 physicians as Exchange Visitor Physicians

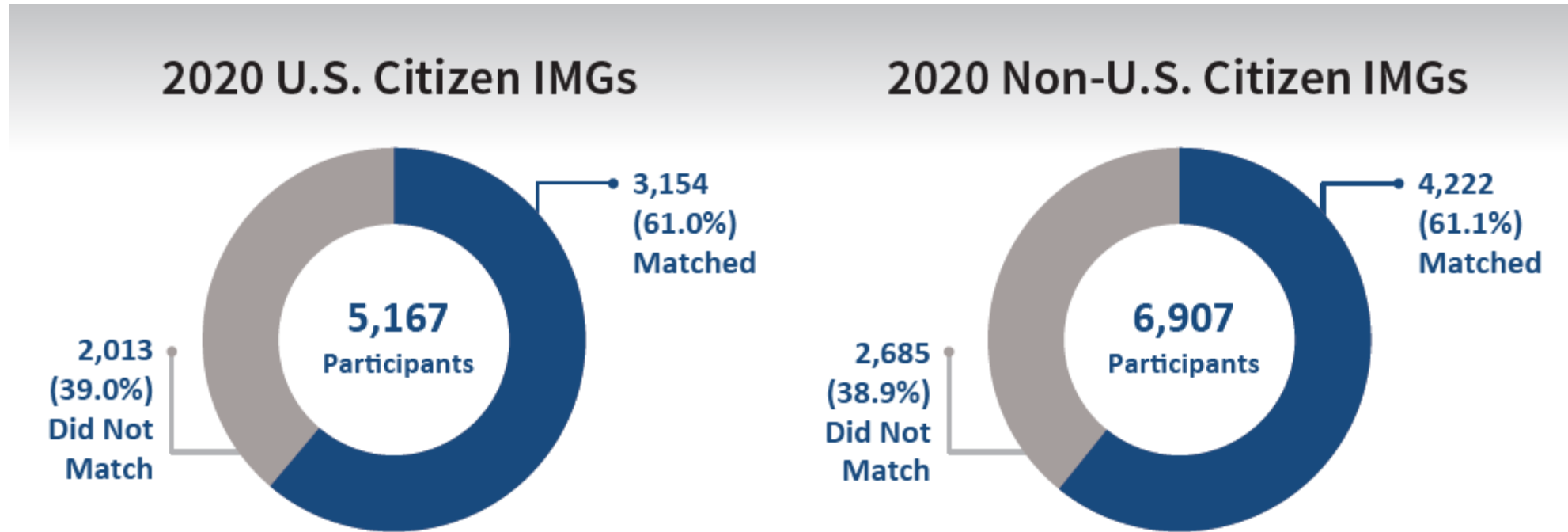
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- **The Department of State (DoS) has taken the following actions to facilitate the visa process:**
 - Consular Affairs of DoS has deemed physicians to be “mission critical” and, as such, has opened visa processing for physicians. In addition, many travel restrictions have been waived.
 - DoS has extended the grace period of those exiting the J-1 program in April and May. Instead of the typical 30-day grace period, exiting physicians will have 90 days to depart the United States.
 - We are working with the DoS to allow consideration of Statement of Needs to come from embassies located in the United States (in process).

- **ECFMG actions to support IMGs to start on time and mitigate on-boarding issues due to COVID-19:**
 - ECFMG has flexed, not relaxed, its policies to accommodate medical schools and government agencies working remotely and will issue Interim ECFMG Certificates.
 - 2020 U.S. medical school graduates who had their Step 2 CS exam cancelled will still be able to start GME training on-time. They have been rescheduled for June exam dates.
 - Working with training programs to anticipate needs of foreign national physicians in context of COVID-19. Survey is in development (in process).
 - Connecting American physician ethnic groups with foreign national physicians to provide local support in their communities (in process).

- **Other hurdles for foreign national physicians impacting potential start date**

- Step 3 is a pre-requisite for an H1B. Matched physicians who had their Step 3 exam cancelled due to Prometric center closure won't be able to secure an H1B visa.
- The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has suspended H1B premium processing.
- Some governments will no longer issue Statement of Needs as they do not want to lose their physicians during this public health crisis.